



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

04/09/03

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PLACEMENTS UP 6%

For the week ending April 05, 2003, growers placed 12.4 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 5.5% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (12.4 million) increased 2.3% from the comparable week in 2002. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 15.1 million, an increase of 2.7% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.3 million for the week ending March 29, 2003 compared to 10.8 million slaughtered during the same week in 2002.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV. YEAR	CURR. YEAR	PREV. YEAR	CURR. YEAR	PREV. YEAR	CURR. YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
02/08/03	14,876	14,547	11,298	11,787	11,027	11,787
02/15/03	14,966	13,226	11,711	11,870	11,298	11,870
02/22/03	14,797	13,818	12,161	12,082	11,711	12,082
03/01/03	14,767	14,050	12,293	11,961	12,295	11,961
03/08/03	14,224	14,829	12,315	10,815	12,293	10,815
03/15/03	14,817	14,995	12,179	11,405	12,317	11,405
03/22/03	13,885	14,400	12,153	11,592	12,179	11,592
*03/29/2003	14,349	14,356	11,701	12,210	12,154	12,210
04/05/03	14,714	15,118	12,141	12,425	11,776	12,425

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
	04/12/03			
New York Weighted Avg	52.04	51.55	55.73	45.41
12-City Composite 2/	57.71	57.71	60.83	52.95